



ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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Representing the 30th Assembly District

***Parra Notes******January 8, 2007*****Hello Friends:**

**Happy New Year Everyone.** I am pleased to provide you with **2007's First Edition of Parra Notes.** If you know anyone who would enjoy receiving Parra Notes please have them e-mail [Michael.tamariz@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.tamariz@asm.ca.gov) and they will be added to our distribution list.

First and foremost, I want to thank each and every one of you who **took the time to meet with me** during the interim. While there are too many of you to mention, I appreciate the time you took out of your schedule in order to improve the quality of life in the 30<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Whether we are working to obtain additional funding for the Valley, fighting to win the war on methamphetamine, or encouraging more students to go to college; it is **your input and hard work** that ultimately **produce results** and make your communities a better place to live.

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**Swearing In for the 2007-2008 Legislative Session**

As you may have read, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 was the day every member of the California Legislature took the oath of office for the **2007-2008 Legislative Session.** Despite this being the third time I have been sworn into office I couldn't help but be overwhelmed with **pride to be serving the 30<sup>th</sup> Assembly district.** Being reminded that I will be representing the hard working people of the Valley is always a humbling experience, and I am so grateful for the opportunities that the voters throughout the district have given me time and again.

I would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you to all of my friends and family** who were able to attend the ceremony, as well the numerous individuals who have called and lent their words of encouragement and support. Serving as an elected official is a great responsibility, but with each of you supporting me I know I will continue to remain grounded and focused on the important issues facing the San Joaquin Valley.

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**Governor's Inauguration**

Last week many of us witnessed the second inauguration of Governor Schwarzenegger. The Governor took his oath of office and then proceeded to deliver his message of bi-partisanship to solve the major issues facing the state of California. I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Governor to make sure the valley is represented in the discussions on health care, prison reform, education, and infrastructure.

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**Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

On November 28<sup>th</sup> 2006 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order S-22-06, which **extended the Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) through 2008**. This crucial body has provided the Valley with a strategic action plan in issues ranging from health care to water, from education to the economy, and from transportation to housing. Its continuation is a sign that the State government realizes the vital role the Valley will play in the future growth of this state.

While I was excited to see the extension of the partnership, I don't feel that a one year extension provides long term viability for the Partnership, or for the Valley, which is the reason **I have introduce AB 27**. Much like its predecessor, AB 31 from the 2005-2006 Legislative Session, AB 27 will seek to secure the existence of the **Partnership through the year 2018**.

We look forward to receiving support from all those individuals who helped us build so much momentum on AB 31 that the Governor was compelled to create the Partnership before the legislation even reached his desk. With your help we can insure the continuation of the Partnership for the next decade. Look for details on how you can help in upcoming editions of Parra Notes.

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**E-Coli**

As the newly appointed **Chair of the Agriculture Committee** I have spent countless hours traveling the state and meeting with stakeholders in regards to the various **E-Coli outbreaks** across the Nation. The concerns are real, and solutions will be coming soon. The study concerning the source of the outbreak will be released soon, providing us with the first detailed assessment of the cause of this problem.

In order to prepare for the release of the study I have been taking tours of the Salinas Valley, the suspected origin of the e-coli scare, as well as meeting with key producers, shippers, grocers, and health officials as well as my Ag Committee staff in order to discuss potential next steps after reading the findings of the report.

This issue directly affects both the economic viability of this state as well as the health of our country. **All parties involved are eager to remedy the situation**. Producers and shippers have already voluntarily increased oversight in the industry. However, should the report indicate that more needs to be done to protect the health of consumers we will not hesitate to implement the sound recommendations of the study group.

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**Bill Ideas**

It's that time of year again. My legislative staff and I are sitting down to discuss our legislative package for the year and we are very interested in your ideas. If you would like to submit an idea for inclusion in our bill package discussions please submit your idea, along with your name, address, and phone number (for follow-up purposes only) to [Brandon.Sanders@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Brandon.Sanders@asm.ca.gov).

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**MEETING REQUESTS**

If you or your organization would like to set up a time to meet with me or would like for me to attend an event you are sponsoring, please feel free to contact my **Executive Secretary Anna Goddard** at (916) 319-2030 or by e-mail at

[Anna.Goddard@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Anna.Goddard@asm.ca.gov).

**INTERNS WANTED**

I am accepting applications for the internship program in my **Hanford, Bakersfield** and **Sacramento** offices. Candidates should be residents of the **30th Assembly District**, possess solid research and communication skills, and have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the **Central Valley**. Applications can be found by going to: <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>.

For Hanford office internships contact **Richard Valle** at (559) 585-7170 or by e-mail at: [Richard.Valle@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Richard.Valle@asm.ca.gov).

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